(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have enhanced the Eleventh Five Year Plan allocation for Scientific Departments to Rs. 75304.00 Crores from Rs. 25301.35 Crores during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Grants to set up IT parks

†2397. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides grant for the establishment of I.T. parks;

(b) if so, the names of States provided with grants from Government for establishing I.T. parks till now; and

(c) the names of the States not provided with grants in the year 2008-09 till now and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid in the Table of the House.

Funds to Institutions under M/o Science and Technology

2398. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is allocating sufficient funds to the institutions under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years especially in Maharashtra;

(c) the funds utilized so far, year-wise; and

(d) the new Institutions to come up in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of total funds allocated to Institutions under the Ministry of Science and Technology and those located in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years is given as under:-

Rupees in crores

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
All India including Maharashtra	1796.4	2142.7	2780.1
Institutes in Maharashtra	158.2	Rs.171.1	Rs.209.2

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Details of utilization of funds in respect of Institutions under Ministry of Science and Technology and in the State of Maharashtra are given below:-

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
All India including Maharashtra	1802.3761	Rs.2100.6736	2808.965
Institutes in Maharashtra	155.3468	164.2658	213.936

(d) At present, there is no proposal for setting up of any new Institution in Maharashtra.

Funds for State Councils of S & T

2399. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh under Assistance for Development of State Councils of S & T for projects, etc., has come down from 2006-07 onwards;

(b) if so, the reasons for reduction in providing assistance to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any surveys in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been undertaken to identify State-specific problems in the last five years;

(d) if so, the outcome of such surveys; and

(e) the action that has been contemplated or proposed to contemplate in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY : (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh State Council for Science and Technology under State Science and Technology Programme (formerly Assistance for Development of State Councils of Science and Technology) has increased from Rs.27 lakhs during 2006-07 to Rs.32 lakhs during 2008-09. However, for the 2009-10, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Science and Technology has not yet submitted the proposal seeking the financial assistance. They have been requested to submit the proposal at the earliest.

(c) to (e) Yes Sir. During the last five years, the Department had supported a project to Andhra Pradesh State Council for Science and Technology to undertake a survey/study to identify State-specific problems requiring State and Technology intervention for the purpose of facilitating the Council in planning and prioritizing Science and Technology activities at State level. The project has been completed and report submitted by them. The Council has been advised to formulate projects in the areas identified in the report.

Safety aspects of GM Crops

2400. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: